



*Growing Lifelong Learners*

**BOSMERE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

# SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Do you know how we keep your child safe?

Do you know how you can help to keep your child safe?

This leaflet has been produced as a result of our work on safeguarding

## **KEEPING SAFE BEFORE SCHOOL**

Keeping our children safe on the way to school is a high priority especially when we know that the world is rushing to get to work. Please ensure your child wears reflective clothing, a cycling helmet if they're on their bike or that they are dropped off in a safe place. Please talk to them about the safe crossing of roads and the importance of using the school crossing patrol sensibly. There is always an adult on the playground from 8:30am so that children who are dropped off from this time will be supervised.

## **DURING SCHOOL**

Visitors to the school are only able to get into our building through the front entrance. They must sign in and are given a visitor's badge at the school office. The playground gates are left closed and locked during school hours for the safety of the children. If you need to take your child out of school during the school day, e.g. for medical appointments, please make sure, where possible, that our office know that you are aiming to do this in advance. The office staff will check your identity and will not release any of our children into the care of an adult unless they are assured the adult is an authorised person or the parent/carer. We have qualified First Aid staff on site to check any injuries and will contact you if we are concerned.

## **AFTER SCHOOL**

There is always an adult on duty on the playground at the end of the school day. Children are met by their parents on the playground or walk home. Please make sure your child knows where they are going to meet you at the end of the school day. If an adult isn't there to meet your child, they are brought back to the school office where they will be safe. We can then help your child to find out what may have happened.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

We ensure that your child is safe after school by taking a register to check that they have turned up. If your child is not present, we will ask the office to phone parents or carers to check where they are.

## **TELEPHONING THE POLICE**

If your child has gone missing either during school time or at the end of the school day, we will take every action in our power to check what has happened. As you can appreciate, on these rare occasions, we act very quickly. If we cannot be sure what has happened we will phone the police and report your child as missing. To ensure that we are not wasting their time or ours, please make sure that we know if your child will not be attending an after-school activity or if there are any changes to arrangements after school.

## **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

It is essential that we always have the most up-to-date details of your phone number(s) and your address. We know that mobile numbers often change, so it is essential that you always let us know if you have changed your number.

## **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

Your child's safety is of the highest importance to us. We have carried out many health and safety risk assessments to minimise the risk of your child coming to any harm at the school. These are updated on a regular basis.

## **ADULT CHECKS**

All staff that are recruited or volunteer at the school are subject to Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks. There are rigorous checks on their qualifications, references and general suitability to work at the school. We have introduced staff identity badges as an additional measure.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Our children are kept safe from adults or situations that may cause them harm by a detailed system in school for recording concerns. Staff safeguarding training is carried out on a regular basis and there are four 'Designated Safeguarding Leads' who ensure concerns are followed up appropriately. Where appropriate we work with other agencies in Hampshire and nationally to ensure children's rights to a safe childhood are protected. Our Child Protection Policy is available on the school website.

## **PUPIL SUPPORT & NURTURE**

We provide emotional support for children who need this by giving them a chance to work with our Home School Link Worker. Where needed we will also work with external agencies to support children's emotional wellbeing in school.

## **INTERNET SAFETY**

We have a filtered Internet service which provides a safe environment for the children to surf the 'Net' in school. Children are taught about the importance of keeping e-safety in school and given strategies for keeping themselves safe online. Ensure your child is safe on the Internet at home or on their mobile phone by making sure you monitor carefully what they are accessing and that you reinforce the message of keeping themselves safe online. They should not have a Facebook or Snapchat account.

The thinkuknow website provides some useful videos and discussion points to share with children. It also gives advice about setting parental controls on devices: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

The NSPCC website also provides some further advice:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## **FIRE SAFETY AND OTHER EMERGENCIES**

In the event of a fire or any other emergency, the fire alarm sounds and the children know exactly what to do because we practise an evacuation drill at least once a term.

## **PREVENT**

From July 2015 all schools must take due regard to the need to prevent young people from being drawn into terrorism. **This duty is known as the Prevent duty.** At Bosmere this is achieved through the teaching of a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. Through our assemblies and our Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum we ensure your children learn right from wrong, mix and share with other children and value the views of others. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and learn to challenge negative attitudes and stereotypes.

## **ANY QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions regarding safeguarding, please contact us.

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